

University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
University Libraries Committee
February 28, 2023
Teams Virtual Meeting

Attendance: Cary Costello, Michael Doylen – Director of Libraries, Anne Dressel, Kristine Koyama, Elana Levine, Su-yu Lin, Stuart Moulthrop – ULC Chair, Dante Salto, Nicole Stelzner, and Erin Winkler

Excused: Philip Chang, Victoria Moerchen, and Anne Widmayer

Guest: Chris Doll

1. Moulthrop called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.
2. Approval of the November 17, 2022 meeting minutes:
The minutes of the November 17, 2022 meeting were approved by unanimous consent.
3. Chair's Report:
As chair of the ULC, Moulthrop participated in the selection of the 2023 Fromkin Lecturer.
4. Director's Report
Doylen updated the committee about new hires since the last meeting. Robert Karels is the Head of Collections Management, and Collin Schulz is an Acquisitions Assistant in the same department. Libraries are in the process of interviewing for the Health Sciences Librarian and the Interlibrary Loan Assistant.

Doylen highlighted some of the events that are happening at the Golda Meir Library. Tom Haigh (History) and Susan McRoy (Computer Science) will present on ChatGPT and artificial intelligence on March 2nd. UWM Authors will be recognized at a celebration on March 9th. Assistant Professor Ermitte Saint Jacques in the Department of African and African Diaspora Studies has been selected as the recipient of the 2023 Morris Fromkin Research Grant and Lectureship which will happen sometime in October.

Doylen discussed the Libraries' budget for FY24. The Libraries budget has been cut by 3.65% which translates to \$262,753. That cut will be taken across all major expenditures as follows: staff (50%), collections (40%), and supplies and equipment (10%). The staffing cut will be accomplished by holding a position vacant and the collections cut will be offset by carryforward funds. Unfortunately, the Libraries will need to discontinue the OA fund, which provided small amounts of funding to UWM authors to off-set the costs of publishing in OA journals.

As part of leadership in the Council of UW Libraries, Doylen participated in a presentation to the UW Provosts Council to advocate for increased funding for shared

electronic resources. Currently, UW System contributes about \$1.6 million toward this fund and collectively all the libraries contribute another half million based on a percentage formula.

Doysten proposed a change to the Libraries' standard operating procedure during inclement weather. The recommendation is that the Libraries close when UWM cancels on-site classes and events, closes other buildings, and encourages employees to stay home due to inclement weather. ULC supported the change.

5. LAD, Collection and Resources Chris Doll spoke about an Ed Tech funding proposal that would support a pilot program which provides students with access to electronic course adopted texts (CATs). The committee voiced their support for the pilot program and provided a number of suggestions to make it a success.
6. The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle Smith